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19 MAY 67 IN 70355

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1. AIRCRAFT LOADS DROPPED ON ROUTE 92 AT REFERENCE POINTS XC

898540, XC 896543, XC 894543 USING AMS SERIES 6340 ROMAN ONE. 80

PERCENT OF LOAD FELL ON TARGET. FOLLOW-UP FROM [REDACTED] PILOT, WHO

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OVERFLEW AREA ON 17/1630 LOCAL, SAID SECTION OF ROAD AT XC 9054

APPEARED DISCOLORED AND LOOKED DISTINCTLY "WET" COMPARED TO REST

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OF ROAD WHICH WAS LIGHT IN COLOR AND APPEARED DRY. ACCORDING TO

[REDACTED] THERE WAS RAIN IN TARGET AREA DURING [REDACTED] MORNING OF 11 MAY

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MOVING INTO AREA DURING AFTERNOON OF 17 MAY (DISREGARD PARA 3

[REDACTED]

25X1 2. AIRCRAFT LOADS DROPPED ON ROUTE 110 AT REFERENCE POINTS YB

327264, YB 347267, YB 352266 USING AMS SERIES 6438 ROMAN THREE,

90 PERCENT OF LOAD FELL ON TWO IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TARGET AREAS.

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ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] ROAD IS TREATED AT

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YB 3426 BUT NO CHANGE HAD TAKEN PLACE AS OF MAY 18/1300L. TEAM

[REDACTED] STILL WEST OF YB 3426 BUT MOVING INTO PLACE FOR GROUND

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25X1 OBSERVATION OF AREA. [ ] ATTEMPTING TO GET WEATHER CONDITIONS  
IN AREA SINCE DROP.

3. PHOTO-VOLPAR COVERED BOTH CHOKEPOINTS ON 17 MAY. COVERED  
RT 92 APPROX 1330 AND COVERED RT 110 AT APPROX 1730. FILM REVUE  
MORNING OF 18 MAY INDICATED THAT CAMERA MALFUNCTIONED. COL. BRIDGE  
7/13 DIRECTOR OF INTELL LAYING ON LOW LEVEL RF 101 RUNS ON BOTH  
AREAS.

4. AIRCREWS DEBRIEFED AT 1100 HRS 18 MAY AND REPORTED NO  
VEHICLES OR PERSONNEL ON EITHER CHOKEPOINT AT TIMES OF DROPS.  
AW FIRE FROM RT 110 TARGET CAME FROM SURROUNDING HILLSIDES.  
WOULD APPEAR THAT SURPRISE AND LOW ALTITUDE APPROACH PREVENTED  
TRACKING OF AIRCRAFT. CREW SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF TECHNIQUE:

A. NOSE AND SIDE LOW LEVEL OBLIQUE PHOTOGRAPHY ALONG PROPOSED  
APPROACH LINE AT DROP ALTITUDE.

B. DROPS SHOULD BE MADE WITH SINGLE AIRCRAFT APPROACHES,  
NOT IN FORMATION OR STAGGERED LOOSE FORMATION.

25X1 LOCAL [ ] OFFICER WORKING UP REPORT OF DEBRIEFING. THIS  
WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN FINISHED.

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25X1 5. FOR [ ] COL STILLSON PACAF OBSERVER ARRIVED IN TIME  
TO PARTICIPATE IN VICTORY CELEBRATION ON 17 MAY. UNFORTUNATELY HE

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WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND CREW DEBRIEFING ON MORNING OF 18 MAY.

6. REPAT OF DROP COORDINATES. RT 92 XC 898540, XC 896543,  
XC 894543. RT 110 YB 327264, YB 347267, YB 352266.

7. WILL KEEP INFORMED OF RESULTS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

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